



MARINE AVIATION

Aviation Flight Status: Flight Boards, Voluntary Termination and Waivers

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Purpose

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- Provide Commanders with an overview of aviation flight status issues
 - Field Flight Performance/Flight Status Selection Boards (FFPB/FSSB)
 - Review of orders and summary of adjudication
 - FITREP Reporting
 - FFPB Issues seen at HQMC
 - Voluntary Termination (Revocation) of Flight Status
 - Waivers
 - DIFDEN
 - Min Flt Time
 - Flt Phys

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FFPB Order / Background

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- MCO P1000.6G (ACTS Manual)
 - Sect 1214 (Field Flight Performance Board):
 - An FFPB is convened to evaluate the performance, potential and motivation of a respondent ordered by competent authority to appear before the board.
 - A means to uphold established standards in flight performance, maturity and discipline and to prevent those aircrew-caused mishaps that can be anticipated through early identification of substandard performers.
 - Sect 1215 (Flight Status Selection Board)
 - The purpose of the FSSB is to enable CMC to take proper administrative action and to assist in maintaining a combat ready and effective crewmember force.

FFPB – 6 Results

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- **No further Action Required**
 - Aircrew did not require further training or administrative action
- **Further Training, Conversion or Transition Training**
 - Further training by default is at least Conditional
 - T/C training will be approved through FSSB/CMC action
- **Conditional Flight Status**
 - Aircrew required additional training but no administrative action
- **Probationary Flight Status**
 - Aircrew required additional training, adverse administrative action
- **Revocation of Flight Status**
 - Aircrew were beyond training, adverse administrative action Rqd
- **Revocation of Flight Status & Wings**
 - Discredit to Marine Aviation, adverse administrative action Rqd

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Decisio
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FFPBs and FITREPs

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- DC FITREPs MCO 1610.7F --
3004.2.c(9)
 - Probation vs. Conditional status
- Directed Comments 4012.4.b(5) &
4012.5.a(3)
 - Only if the MRO is found to be negligent, culpable or terminates and/or restricts flight status of the MRO
 - Referencing an informal investigation (i.e. FFPB) without the above is unacceptable
- Adverse Reports 4001.3.d(6)
 - Adverse for unwillingness or cavalier attitude
 - **Not adverse for lack of specific ability or aptitude**

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FFPB Issues Seen at HQMC

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- Delays in execution and routing of FFPB
- Incorrect FFPB procedures
 - No Convening Message / Notice received at HQMC
 - Respondent did not review FFPB report prior to submission
 - No Flight Surgeon Evaluation / Incomplete evaluation
- Respondents facing Revocation utilized to fill IA billet
 - Revocation equals MOS reassignment in most cases
- Conditional / Probationary Flight Status
 - ADP may not be transferred until board process complete
- Poor documentation of case
- Command too willing to point finger at Respondent
 - Not enough opportunities to correct deficiencies
 - Not enough documentation of training
- ACIP suspension?
 - CO's decision

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Voluntary Termination

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- Administrative process
- Contained in ACTS manual 1213.1.c
 - Immediately suspend SNM/ADP from flight status
 - Direct SNM to submit VolTerm letter w/in 5-days
 - 3 MOSes
 - Flight Surgeon report
 - CO must counsel SNM
 - CO's endorsement
 - Include the counseling in endorsement □ Considered Permanent
 - Effective date of flight suspension & termination of ACIP
 - Respondents reasoning/rationale for VolTerm

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Waivers

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- DIFDEN 3710.4A MCO
 - A/C Custodian AND Immediate CO, route through Aviation CoC
 - Single Flight/Series of Flights
 - Flight Experience Utilized
- Minimum Flight Time Waiver Request 3710.7U OPNAV
 - Example in 3710 (Sec 11.5)
- Flight Physicals (chap 8)
 - CMC(ASM) grants medical waivers (NAMI only recommends)
- NASTP (chap 8)
 - CMC(ASM) will grant “Dirt Det” Waiver only (Limited over water)
 - 90 day extension POST deployment
 - Orientation Flights (p. 3.7)
- Flight Gate (M&RA, not ASM) Unclassified
 - 4 May 1 SECNAV approval (Direct to MMOA)

Flight Violation Handling

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- OPNAVINST 3710.7U(pp. 3-20 to 23, para. 3.11)
- Inform CoC
- Contact FAA
 - Local representative / USMC ACDU representative
 - FAA may still escalate the alleged violation
- Conduct investigation, if required
- Conduct FFPB / corrective actions, if required
- Alleged violation to OPNAV N-88, Mike Lister
- OPNAV letter
- Command response to N-88, route through CoC
- OPNAV letter to FAA

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- <http://www.marines.mil/unit/aviation/Pages/ASM.aspx>

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Takeaways

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- Seek ASM for difficult scenarios.
- Recommendations of *Probation*, *Revocation* or *T/C* will go to FSSB for DC AVN adjudication
- Timely submission of FFPB and endorsements
 - Voluntary Terminations
- ADP suspended from flying until resolution
- Use the ASM Website



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Questions?

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